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A FLORIDA MYSTERY.

Thousands Visit Ghostly Place Near Jacksonville—Impossible to Re- main in One Room.

Thousands of people have thronged Neptune beach, eighteen miles from Jacksonville, Fla., writes a correspondent, during the past few weeks, visiting the one-room shack, which has recently acquired the reputation of being the rendezvous of "ha'nts."

The house, situated directly on the beach at Neptune, which is really a continuation of Pablo and Atlantic beach, was damaged in a recent storm, the front pillars giving way and leaving the small structure tilting toward one corner at an angle of about 25 degrees.

Following the storms, the owner, anxious to save the little furniture still in the house, sent a negro to remove it. The negro shaken with fright, returned to the owner, reporting the presence of "ha'nts." He declared that the furniture would not budge, and that he became violently ill and was thrown to the floor when he entered the shack. Needless to say, furniture movers of the colored persuasion could not be induced to tackle the job, though visitors have been much attracted.

Investigations were made, and one person after another left the structure, confirming the report that the place was haunted, and that it was impossible to remain in the room for any length of time.

After a few days it became noised about that electrical shocks were felt by some and that in certain cases people had been thrown to the floor. Opinions differed regarding the electrical element, with the result that many were frightened who would have braved any supernatural report.

So far the supernatural feature has been confined to the sensations experienced and "the life of the party" has not at any time been visible to the naked eye.

The ghost, contrary to the usual run of spirits, pulls off his hair-raising stunts in the daytime. Visitors at night claim that the creepy sensations experienced are much more acute in daylight when the surroundings are more easily distinguished.

The Sunday following the first visitations, some enterprising persons seeing the possibilities, obtained permission from the owner to operate the shack as a commercial proposition, but on Monday authorities placed them under arrest on the

charge of doing business without a license. They reaped a harvest, however, during the short time they were in business. The house had been roped off so that the "ha'nt" might not be visible, except to those paying the entrance fee. The civil authorities, evidently proud of their own particular ghost, felt that it was public property, and that any encounters with side ghost should not be confined to the idle rich, but should be free for all.

While Jacksonville has had its full quota of so-called haunted houses in years past; the Neptune shack has greatest claim to fame, and from indications the Neptune ghost bids fair to outlast all others.

A party of newspaper men visited the house at 2:30 o'clock one morning recently, and announced that while they experienced something of a sensation of mal de mer, they saw no evidence of ghosts.

They explained that the illusions were the result of a combination of the principles of mechanics, physics and optics. This, however, failed to make any great impression on believers in "ha'nts."

The photographer who made a picture of the house confessed that he had queer feelings and that the house seemed to be doing a new version of the tango, though his lens caught is quietly enough, although at a rakish angle.

The house is, tipped over in such a way as to give a tower-of-pisa effect, and people walking or standing on the floor inside, watching people outside, gain an impression that is indeed unusual. The rolling waves of the Atlantic, the tipsy careening house, the distorted view of passers on the beach, tend to give those inside a topsy-turvy feeling and this may in a measure explain the odd sensations experienced, which some skeptic dub as nothing more nor less than unromantic and matter-of-fact seasickness.

They explain the inability to remain in the room, as the natural craving for "air" that one has in the preliminary stages of mal de mer. Be that as it may, no one seems able to remain in the house for more than a few minutes, and very few of them evidence the slightest desire to return.

The little house, standing like a drunken figure in the sunlight, has for all the scientific theories and explanations, achieved and appearance and atmosphere sinister and foreboding. It seems to hold a bit of a sardonic smile up its sleeve, if you

can understand how a house can do that, as if it were saying: "Well, no matter how you figure it out, I've certainly got you guessing."

And so it has. Though several weeks have passed since the storm responsible for this queer freak in architecture, interest in the house remains at fever heat, and no visitor to Jacksonville, however, transient his stay, leaves without first paying his respects to Neptune beach.

BYRNES TAKES UP QUESTION OF CALCIUM ARSENATE SUPPLY

Washington, Dec. 6.—Representative Byrnes yesterday took up with the Department of Agriculture the question of the price and availability of calcium arsenate to be used in checking the boll weevil. Mr. Byrnes was very much impressed by an editorial appearing recently in The News and Courier quoting statistics on the subject prepared by Mr. M. C. Michel.

Mr. Byrnes is today in receipt of a letter from Dr. Coad, of the bureau of entomology, which reads substantially as follows:

"I have read with much interest the editorial in the November 29 issue of The News and Courier. The statistics given on arsenic and calcium arsenate are, on the whole, quite good and undoubtedly the conclusion reached is entirely in line with conditions as they exist today. There is no doubt that there is a definite shortage of raw arsenic for ordinary uses, without considering the need for calcium arsenate, and there seems no chance for the production of as much calcium arsenate as was used in the South last year. Raw arsenic has now reached a price of 15 cents on the New York market and, of course, calcium arsenate cannot be made from such high priced arsenic and sold for cotton dusting. Fortunately such arsenic as was available was very largely purchased at lower prices by the manufacturers of calcium arsenate and while there will not be sufficient calcium arsenate to meet the demand, this limited amount will be available at fairly reasonable price.

"You might be interested to know that a meeting has been called in New York for December 13 to get together the producers of arsenic and the manufacturers of calcium arsenate for the purpose of threshing out this question. I am sure that the figures given out at this meeting will be the most definite available on the subject."

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Ehrhardt, S. C., Bankrupt.

Notice is hereby given that the above named bankrupt has this day filed a petition for discharge, and that a hearing will be had upon the same before this Court at Charleston, S. C. at 11 o'clock in the forenoon on the 27th day of December, A. D. 1922 at which time and place all creditors and other persons in interest may appear and show cause if any they have why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted.

RICHD. W. HUTSON,
Clerk.
Charleston, S. C. Nov. 20, 1922.
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